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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 5, 2002, the period for response to which has been extended by one month to and including December 5, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Although other configurations and systems are appropriate, the computer system(s) of the image provider users 14 are preferably implemented by a telecommunication server 43, a provider server 44, and one or more workstations 46. As with users 12, 16, the computer system(s) of the image provider user 14 can also optionally include a high resolution scanner 48, and/or a hard-copy output device such as a printer 50 (FIG. 2) for printing out local reports, work orders, and administrative

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